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SUBJECT: FRENCH REPORTS FROM HANOI

1. 24TH PLENUM OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF LDD. QUAI
ACTING DIRECTOR FOR ASIA BOLLE TOLD EMBOFF JULY 18 THAT
FRENCH EMBASSY IN HANOI HAD REPORTED THAT IT WAS LIKELY
THAT THE 24TH PLENUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LAO
DONG PARTY WAS STILL GOING ON IN DALAT OR HAD RECENTLY
TERMINATED. PHAM VAN DONG WAS ABSENT FROM THE MONGOLIA
NATIONAL DAY OF JULY 11 AND FROM THE BASTILLE DAY CELE-
BRATION OF JULY 14 DESPITE EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT HE
WOULD ATTEND BOTH. BOLLE DID NOT SPECIFY OTHER INDICA-
TIONS OF THE PLENUM, BUT IMPLIED THAT THE REPORT WAS
RELIABLE EVEN THOUGH IT HAD NOT YET BEEN PUBLICIZED.
BOLLE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS NATURAL FOR THE PARTY LEADERS
TO PROFIT FROM THE CLIMATE AND FACILITIES OF DALAT, BUT
THAT THE MEETING ON SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY WOULD
HAVE A SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE FOR THE PRG AND THE PEOPLE
IN THE SOUTH.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS IN
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SAIGON. FRENCH CHARGE TO PRG, WHO IS STILL IN HANOI

AWAITING PERMISSION TO GO SOUTH, REPORTED A CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD RECENTLY WITH A SOVIET DIPLOMAT. SOVIET SAID THAT PRG EXPECTED TO ACCEPT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS IN THREE STAGES: FIRST THE PRC AND USSR, THEN SOME OTHER BLOC COUNTRIES, THEN SOME FAVORED WESTERN COUNTRIES, OF WHICH FRANCE WOULD BE ONE. THE SOVIETS WOULD ABSORB INTO THEIR EMBASSY IN HANOI THE DIPLOMAT WHO HAD BEEN THE SOVIET "CHARGE" TO THE PRG AND WOULD SEND OUT A NEW DIPLOMAT FROM MOSCOW TO BE THE CHARGE IN SAIGON. SOVIETS DID NOT EXPECT TO HAVE THEIR MISSION FUNCTIONING BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST. HURIET ACCORDINGLY CONCLUDED THAT HE ALSO MIGHT BE ABLE TO GO TO SAIGON IN LATE AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. BOLLE COMMENTED THAT THE FORMAL APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN SHOWED THAT THE DRV AND PRG HAD COMPLETED THEIR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTING THEIR FOREIGN POLICY. IT SHOULD THEREFORE NOT TAKE MUCH LONGER TO START TO MOVE ON THE PRG REPRESENTATIONS. GAMMON

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